

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### KIKA DE LA GARZA UNITED STATES BORDER STATION

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 994) to designate the U.S. border station located in Pharr, TX, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 997

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the border station referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 994 designates the United States border station in Pharr, TX as the Kika de la Garza United States Border Station. Kika de la Garza was a distinguished Member of this body of 32 years. During his tenure he became one of the most outspoken advocates for U.S. agriculture. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1964. Since his first term in Congress he has been a member of the Committee on Agriculture, from 1981 to 1994. Kika de la Garza served as a chairman of this committee and successfully oversaw the passage of three omnibus farm bills in 1981, 1985, and 1990. He has also been successful in securing Federal funds to provide water and sewer services to depressed areas of Texas.

The distinguished gentleman from Texas retired from Congress at the end

of the 104th Congress. He was a respected colleague whose presence will be missed by many. The naming of the U.S. border station in his honor is a fitting tribute to Congressman Kika de la Garza. I support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am very honored today to participate in the passing of this bill, being the sponsor of H.R. 994. Kika de la Garza was just a great man. I think the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] has outlined many of his contributions. I would just like to say that he was the first Hispanic American to become a chair of a standing committee in this body, that being the Committee on Agriculture, and under his watchful eye legitimate substantive reform legislation for the USDA was crafted that made many needed and important changes, and those changes helped America's farmers and protected the public as well. That bill ultimately became law, and it made remarkable changes at USDA, and because of Chairman de la Garza's leadership and counsel the bill represented the right way to reinvent government, take government back to the people, and that is, I believe, the outstanding legacy of Kika de la Garza.

He never forgot the people that he served. Throughout those 32 years he fought tirelessly for his constituents, and he believed that all Americans and especially every farmer was his specific constituent, and how true he was.

We miss that smile, we miss his savvy, his common sense, and he always had a good word, and if he did not have a good word, he saved his word. I think everybody loved him.

I would just like to add here that the chairman, Kika de la Garza, was an amateur linguist and gourmet cook; that is right. And on many occasions he conversed with foreign dignitaries in their native tongue, to the surprise of people around the world at the scope and breath of his knowledge and intelligence. I am proud to have called him my friend, and I am honored to have sponsored this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. MORAN].

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding this time to me. I apologize for being a few minutes late, but I rise today to join my colleagues in seeking to honor former Senator and Majority Leader Bob Dole by renaming the Federal Court House located in Kansas City, KS the Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse. I am extremely pleased to have the opportunity to officially rec-

ognize and pay tribute to my fellow Kansan.

Growing up in western Kansas, I like so many others viewed Bob Dole as more than just a war hero, which he truly was, more than an able statesman which also he truly was, and more than an articulate voice for the disabled and veterans, which he truly was. To me he is someone who exemplifies the heritage of Kansas, hard-working, determined and having the ability to overcome great adversity.

Like our State's motto which means "to the stars through difficulty," Bob Dole rose to be one of the most distinguished figures of this century and did so while overcoming tremendous obstacles. His ascendancy to greatness began from his family's humble beginnings in Russell, KS, to the war-ravaged mountains of northern Italy and ultimately to serve as majority leader of the United States. As a young man Bob Dole was a athlete and scholar, and like so many of his generation, went off without hesitation to defend his country. On a snow-covered mountain in northern Italy he suffered near fatal wounds. Later, after a difficult and prolonged recovery, he returned to Kansas to finish his education utilizing the GI bill and embarked upon a public career we pay tribute to here today.

Bob Dole's appreciation for his boyhood community and the State of Kansas is without question. As a reminder of where he came from and what shaped his character throughout his career, he kept a cigar box on his desk containing receipts of various contributions made by his neighbors and friends to help pay for his difficult recovery after the war. Those receipts might have been for a dollar, 5 cents, 15 cents, it did not matter. Collectively they not only aided his rehabilitation, but they helped to find his sense of purpose and determination to give back to a community that had given so much to him.

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Many people have told me how years ago they would pass the Russell County Courthouse late at night and notice the second floor light on. It was the light of the young county prosecutor named Bob Dole. Though his injuries from the war required him to spend long, additional hours at work, he never complained and continued to work tirelessly.

Later he went on to serve Kansas's First Congressional District, which I am honored to serve, and then in the U.S. Senate. Senator Dole set an example while in both the House and Senate. It is his legacy that I must now attempt to follow.

Culminating his distinguished career in public service, Bob Dole was nominated by my party as the Presidential candidate for the 1996 election. In achieving all of his great accomplishments, Bob Dole served with character, candor, and a cunning wit that cannot be matched.